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NOBUHIRO YASUI, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: NYA
Application No.: 10/656,242)
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Filed: September 8, 2003)
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For: FUNCTION DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR MANUFACTURING THE :
SAME, PERPENDICULAR)
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, :
MAGNETIC RECORDING/)
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS :
AND INFORMATION)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where cited, in an abstract if attached and in a corresponding English language patent document, if provided.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialled and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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